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Utah Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations

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Jamie Jensen, Secretary*

MINUTES March 26, 1999 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. State Capitol, Room 223

Members:

Present:

Commissioner Carol Page, Chair
Ken Bassett, Vernal City
Robert Haywood, Dept. of Human Services
Bruce Slater, DEQ
Mayor Chesley Christensen, Mt. Pleasant
Lou Mueller, City of Blanding
Bruce Ratzlaff, Dept. of Natural Resources
Commissioner Gary Herbert, Utah County
Ann Wilcox Hardy, Citizen Appointee
Representative Marda Dillree
Richard Bradford, DCED
Commissioner Chad Johnson, Beaver County

Absent:

Senator Millie Peterson
Representative James Gowans
Senator Peter Knudson
Representative Chad Bennion
John Quick, Dept. of Transportation
Linda Hamilton, City of South Ogden
Dick Melton, Dept of Health
Janice Clemmer, School Board Appointee

Visitors:

John Williams, Five County AOG
Roger Jones, Bear River AOG
Bill Howell, Southeastern AOG
Darrell Cook, Mountainland AOG
Curtis Dastrup, Uintah Basin AOG
Chris Bleak, Salt Lake City

Staff:

Mark Bedel, GOPB
Jamie Jensen, GOPB
Ray Milliner, GOPB

I. Welcome to New Members

Chad Johnson, Beaver County Commissioner, was welcomed to the Council. Chad was formerly a member of the Council, and even served as Chair of the Council in 1988. His experience will be an excellent addition to the group.

New appointments have been received for Patrick Cone, Summit County Commission, Senator Peter Knudson,

Representative Chad Bennion, and Representative Jackie Biskupski. We look forward to seeing these members at future UACIR meetings.

II. Approval of the December 11, 1998 Minutes

A quorum was present at the meeting. Lou Mueller moved to approve the December 11, 1998 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mayor Chesley Christensen. The motion passed.

III. Approval of the January 15, 1999 Minutes

Lou Mueller moved to approve the January 15, 1999 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ann Hardy. The motion passed.

IV. Approval of the February 19, 1999 Minutes

Commissioner Carol Page made technical changes to the February minutes, and removed "This Council". Lou Mueller then moved to approve the amended February 19, 1999 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ken Bassett. The motion passed.

V. Review of UACIR History, Mark Bedel

A historical account of the UACIR was distributed at the meeting. The account was composed by UACIR Staff members. Mark Bedel reviewed the UACIR history with the Council. Mark touched on the main things that UACIR has accomplished and been involved in. Since creation in 1987, UACIR has participated in many things. Discussion ensued concerning what this year's Council would like to see go down in history for 1999.

VI. Discussion of UACIR Role and Work for the Next Year

Commissioner Page suggested that the Council ask to be on the League of Cities and Towns' and Utah Association of Counties' agenda in an upcoming meeting. The Council would like to review with all of the elected officials what the UACIR is and go through a brief history with them. There are a lot of elected officials that do not know that the UACIR exists. They do not know of the UACIR's functions and what kind of a resource the Council can be to them.

Marda Dillree opened discussion concerning issues that the Council might be involved in and monitor in the upcoming year. She suggested that the Council look at resources that are available, and consider putting together some kind of a model or conflict-resolution (between different levels of government). This is an issue that keeps coming to the surface over the years, and is a task that the Council might be able to take on. The Staff will conduct research in an attempt to find out what kind of groups or models like this already exist (in-state or out-of-state), and what they have authority over. The UACIR could be doing constructive things to help local government address intergovernmental relations. When problems arise, the UACIR could be a neutral party that could help solve problems and provide a new perspective.

Lou Mueller suggested that research be done concerning by-laws to make sure that a conflict-resolution is something that would fit with what the legislature has done when the Council was set up. She also suggested that the UACIR get some kind of directive from the governor or from the legislature that gives the UACIR authority so that the Council is able to intervene when necessary.

Council members have been asked to take the time to review the statute and by-laws, and to come prepared to the next meeting to express whether or not they are comfortable with them or to make recommendations.

The Council would like to revisit the mission statement of the UACIR. The Council was created as an Advisory Council to the Governor, and would like to get that status back. The Council discussed asking the governor what he would like the Council to be doing. The mission statement will be put on the UACIR website before the next meeting, and may be revisited in the future if necessary.

VII. Review of Legislative Interim Study Items, Mark Bedel

A handout "Master Study Resolution" was distributed. This listed the 227 items proposed for study by the legislative interim committees. The UACIR contemplated what could be done to influence what gets studied. Marda Dillree suggested that letters be written to staff or chairs of each committee. The letter should indicate the UACIR's interest at

seeing this as a study item. If the chairs agree to put this on their list, then it would have to go to the management committee.

Input about issues that he has dealt with over the last year from Wayne Saltzgiver might be helpful. If there are problems that he has been dealing with, there might be issues that UACIR can assist with. Commissioner Page suggested that herself, Mark Bedel, and Wayne get together for a discussion before the next meeting.

VIII. 1999 Intergovernmental Summit Planning

The UACIR Staff would like to get at least one legislator to serve on each subcommittee for the Summit. Subcommittees will be getting together before the next UACIR meeting. The Staff will be contacting subcommittees and notifying them of their individual meetings. Once the subcommittees get together, they will appoint a chair.

A Summit date has not yet been confirmed. Possible dates now include Friday August 6th and Friday August 13th. The Council's first choice is August 6th. Staff and members of subcommittees are currently checking on facility availability for that date. If the Union Building at the University of Utah is not available on August 6th, the Summit will be held on the 13th. UACIR Staff will check on the Governor's availability for both of these days.

UACIR Staff will compose a list of possible program speakers and send them to the Program Subcommittee. If you have ideas for the Summit or if you are interested in serving on a subcommittee, please contact Jamie Jensen at 538-1566.

IX. Other Business

Commissioner Carol Page asked that the Council, before the next meeting, give some thought to items that they deem important, from a local government perspective, that should be brought to the legislature and the governor as issues for this upcoming year. Input would be appreciated from the Council or from the audience. Commissioner Page would like to make sure that the needs of each community are being met. If you have discussion items that you would like addressed at the next meeting, or at future meetings, please contact Mark Bedel at 538-1571.

Mark reminded the Council that there is a Toll Free number for the UACIR that goes to Mark's phone. This number is 1-888-854-4260. Please keep this in mind if you are calling long distance.

The UACIR Council is now full. An updated list of members will be distributed in the next mailing. If you know of any corrections that need to be made on phone numbers, fax numbers, mailing addresses, email addresses, etc., please contact Jamie Jensen at 538-1566.

Ray Milliner, from GOPB, has been added to the UACIR Staff as the Assistant Director. He will be maintaining the UACIR website. If you have any suggestions or corrections for the website, please contact Ray at 538-1696. The website address is www.gvnfo.state.ut.us/planning/UACIR.htm.

If you were unable to attend this meeting, handouts are available by calling Jamie Jensen at 538-1566. Minutes are posted on the UACIR website a few days after each meeting.

The next meeting is a regularly scheduled meeting and will be held on Friday, April 23, 1999, at 10:00 am. The meeting will be held in the State Capitol, Room 223.